

ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

A developing unit of an electrophotographic image forming apparatus includes at least one developing apparatus installed to be capable of accessing and being separated with respect to a photoreceptive drum and including a developing roller developing an electrostatic latent image formed on the photoreceptive drum and a gap maintenance member closely contacting the photoreceptive drum such that the developing roller accesses the photoreceptive drum in a non-contact state while maintaining a predetermined gap with the photoreceptive drum, and a guide portion formed on a frame to guide a movement of the developing apparatus. An inclined portion facing a center shaft of the photoreceptive drum is provided at a leading end of the guide portion so that the gap maintenance member closely contacts the photoreceptive drum while pressing the photoreceptive drum in a radial direction of the photoreceptive drum.
